

REMARKS

The present Amendment is pursuant to the telephonic interviews initiated by Examiner Pechhold on April 24, 2006 and May 1, 2006. During the course of those interviews, the Examiner explained that there was no problem with regard to the substance of the claims, but that the reissue rules require that the new claims be underlined in their entirety. Such underlining now appears in the foregoing copies of the new claims (Nos. 20 to 22) and constitutes the only difference between the claims presented with the Preliminary Amendment of March 12, 2004 and those presented herewith.

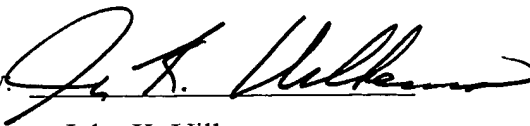
The Examiner also explained that the Reissue Application Declaration needed to state what was wrong with the original patent, as well as what was being done to correct the error. During the course of the interview of May 1, 2006, the language now appearing in the Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration was discussed and the Examiner indicated that it appeared to be acceptable. The Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration accompanies the present Amendment.

In view of the foregoing and the telephonic interviews with the Examiner, it is now believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and such action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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